GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:554
ANSWERED ON:20.11.2007
BIPPA WITH ETHIOPIA AND MOZAMBIQUE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the countries with whom India had signed Bilateral Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement (BIPPA) so far;

(b) whether the Government has signed a Bilateral Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement (BIPPA) with Ethiopia and Mozambique;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the extent to which trade with these countries is likely to increase after the implementation of the said agreement?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a): India has signed Bilateral Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement with 67 countries till 15th November 2007. The list of countries with which India has signed BIPPA and the date of signing of these Agreements are at Annexure.

(b) & (c): Government of India has signed Bilateral Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement (BIPPA) with Ethiopia on the 5th July 2007. No Bilateral Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement have been signed with Mozambique.

(d): Bilateral Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement (BIPPA) do not cover trade matters. BIPPA are intended to provide a common platform for protecting investment flows between India and the country with which, the Agreement has been signed by the Government of India. This results in increase in comfort level of the investors from either country resulting in increased flow of funds for investments.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Un-starred Question No.554 for answer on 20th November 2007.

Sl.No.	Country	Date of signing of Bilateral Investment Promotion and Protection Agreements
1.	United Kingdom	14th March 1994
2.	Russian Federation	23rd December 1994
3.	Germany	10th July 1995
4.	Malaysia	3rd August 1995
5.	Denmark	6th September 1995
6.	Turkmenistan	20th September 1995
7	Netherlands	6th November 1995
8.	Italy	23rd November 1995
9.	Tajikistan	13th December 1995
10.	Israel	29th January 1996
11.	South Korea	26th February 1996
12.	Poland	7th October 1996
13.	Czech. Republic	11th October 1996
14.	Kazakhstan	9th December 1996
15.	Sri Lanka	22nd January 1997
16.	Vietnam	8th March 1997
17.	Oman	2nd April 1997
18.	Switzerland	4th April 1997
19.	Egypt	9th April 1997
20.	Kyrgyz Republic	16th May 1997
21.	France	2nd September 1997
22.	Spain	30th September 1997
23.	Belgium	31st October 1997
24.	Romania	17th November 1997

25. Mauritius 4th September 1998
26. Turkey 17th September 1998
27. Bulgaria 26th October 1998
    Protocol signed on 12th Sept. 2007
28. Morocco 13th February 1999
29. Indonesia 10th February 1999
30. Zimbabwe 10th February 1999
31. Australia 26th February 1999
32. Qatar 7th April 1999
33. Uzbekistan 18th May 1999
34. Argentina 20th August 1999
35. Austria 8th November 1999
36. Philippines 28th January 2000
37. Portugal 28th June 2000
38. Sweden 4th July 2000
39. Thailand 10th July 2000
40. Lao PDR 9th November 2000
41. Mongolia 3rd January 2001
42. Croatia 4th May 2001
43. Kuwait 27th November 2001
44. Ukraine 1st December 2001
45. Cyprus 9th April 2002
46. Ghana 5th August 2002
47. Yemen 30th October 2002
48. Finland 7th November 2002
49. Belarus 27th November 2002
50. Taiwan # 17th October 2002
51. Yugoslavia 31st January 2003
52. Djibouti 19th May 2003
53. Armenia 23rd May 2003
54. Sudan 22nd October 2003
55. Hungary 3rd November 2003
56. Bahrain 13th January 2004
57. Saudi Arabia 25th January 2006
58. Bosnia & Herzegovina 12th September 2006
59. Slovak Republic 25th Sept. 2006
60. China 21st Nov. 2006
61. Jordan 1st December 2006
62. Trinidad & Tobago 12th March 2007
63. Hellenic Republic 26th April 2007
 (Greece)
64. Mexico 21st May 2007
65. Libya 26th May 2007
66. Iceland 29th June 2007
67. Ethiopia 5th July 2007

An Unilateral Declaration issued by Government of India to give effect to the Agreement signed between India-Taipei Asso., Taipei and Taipei Economic & Cultural Center, New Delhi.